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SUBJECT: "PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION" CADRE APPOINTMENTS

1. MEDIA, OCTOBER 18-19 CARRY EMAC ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMATION COORDINATING GROUP FOR IMPLEMENTATION "PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION" (PCCG) PROGRAMS. THIS IS DESIGNATION GIVEN PROJECT OF SENDING STUDENTS INTO COUNTRYSIDE TO DO DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY WORK.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT STATES THAT PCCG TO HAVE ONE (UNIDENTIFIED) EMAC MEMBER AND THREE PUBLIC MEMBERS, VIZ. DR. ASFAW DESTA, ATO GETACHEW GIZAW AND DR. HAILU WOLDE-MIKAEL. PCCG TO ELECT OWN CHAIRMAN.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUES WITH DESIGNATION FOLLOWING "PROGRAM COORDINATORS" TO WORK UNDER PCCG, VIZ. (A) AN UNIDENTIFIED EMAC-MEMBER -- TO EXPLAIN ETHIOPIA TIKDEM; (B) ATO LAKEW BIRKE -- AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVE WORK; (C) DR. YAYEH-YIRAD KITAW -- HEALTH; (D) ATO TEKESTE ADERO -- INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY; (E) DR. TADESSE BEYENE -- BASIC EDUCATION; (F) ATO HAILU WOLDE AMANUEL -- LAND REFORM AND ADMINISTRATION; (G) DR. MERID WOLDE

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AREGAY -- CULTURE AND ANTIQUITIES.

4. EMAC HAS GIVEN PCCG EIGHT BASIC GOALS: (1) EXPLAIN SLOGAN, "ETHIOPIA FIRST," TO PEOPLE IN COUNTRYSIDE; (2) DEVELOP ETHIOPIAN AGRICULTURE; (3) TEACH AND INSTITUTE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES; (4) CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (BUILD FEEDER ROADS, DRILL WELLS, AND PROMOTE COTTAGE INDUSTRIES); (5) FIGHT ILLITERACY AND SPREAD EDUCATION; (6) INSTITUTE LAND REFORM PROGRAM "EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC SOON"; (7) GATHER INFORMATION AND STATISTICS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS; (8) TEACH PEOPLE "WAYS AND MEANS OF PRE-SERVING AND CONSOLIDATING ETHIOPIA'S NATIONAL HERITAGES."

5. MEDIA STATED 60,000 VOLUNTEERS AND EXTRA-BUDGETARY ETH \$50 MILLION WILL BE NEEDED TO CARRY OUT CAMPAIGN. STUDENTS AND TEACHER PARTICIPANTS INITIALLY TO SERVE 10 MONTHS.

6. EVIDENCE THUS FAR AVAILABLE HERE IS THAT ORGANIZATION REQUIRED MOBILIZE 60,000 PARTICIPANTS FOR PCCG PROGRAM IN ITS INCEPTION. WE ARE TOLD BY SOME LOCAL LEADERS THEY HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED ONLY VAGUE GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINES WITHOUT PRECISE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS. MINCULTURE TOLD POL COUNSELOR EVENING OCTOBER 21 THAT CABINET HAD DECIDED STUDENTS SHOULD GO TO FIELD WITHIN ONE MONTH.
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